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REPORT OF FEDERAL FISH HATCHERIES--AUGUST 1940

Fifty-nine Federal hatcheries in 31 States distributed in suitable waters more than 18,478,000 fry and fingerlings of 22 varieties during August. In addition, almost 40,000,000 eggs, fry, and fingerlings of 34 varieties were handled or ready for stocking.

Following is a breakdown summary of activities:

MAINE

Craig Brook. - Personnel at this station delivered 246,000 brook trout, 6,000 lake trout, and 8,000 rainbow trout, all fingerlings, to sportsmen who were in a position to call at the hatchery for them.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Berlin. - Approximately 100,000 legal size brook trout, produced at this station, were distributed by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the Vermont Fish and Game Service for the stocking of waters in their respective States.

PENNSYLVAN IA

Farnsworth. - Assigned to the Allegheny National Forest for the stocking of waters under its control were 57,640 brook trout.

VIRGINIA

New Castle. - Fingerling rainbow trout, totaling 7,000, were furnished the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission from this trout hatchery.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Walhalla. - An allotment of 110,000 brook trout fingerlings was consigned to the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development for distribution in western North Carolina.

Approximately 3,000 fingerling brook trout were allotted the U. S. Forest Service for the Warwoman Dell rearing pools, which are located near Clayton, Georgia.

A consignment of 20,800 brook trout fingerlings was transferred to the Smokemont, North Carolina, substation.

GEORGIA

Lake Park. - Approximately 32,500 fingerling bass were collected near the water intake of Grassy Lake during the past month. These fish were utilized in the restocking of local waters.

OHIO

Senecaville. - Ponds at the hatchery have been drained, yielding 56,600

fingerling largemouth black bass and 4,200 crappie fingerlings. All fish produced at this station were liberated in Senecaville Lake.

MICHIGAN

Charlevoix. - Lake trout fingerlings, totaling 170,000, allotted the Michigan Conservation Department, were liberated at various points in Lake Michigan.

More rapid growth of the lake trout at this substation was credited to higher water temperature.

NORTH DAKOTA

<u>Valley City.</u> - Approximately 31,500 walleyed pike fingerlings and 15,000 largemouth black bass were assigned to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Although the rearing of walleyed pike is in the experimental state, the results attained at Valley City in the rearing of this species were very gratifying.

MONTANA

Ennis. - The National Park Service liberated 420,000 rainbow trout fingerlings, produced at this station, in waters within the Yellowstone National Park.

The U. S. Forest Service planted 41,160 blackspotted trout fingerlings in water within local national forests.

WYOMING

Jackson. - Totals of 481,200 blackspotted trout fry and 94,900 lake trout are being cared for at this station.

Seventy-five thousand lake trout fingerlings were delivered to the U.S. Forest Service.

Yellowstone Park. - Collection of blackspotted trout eggs was completed July 31, with a total of 43,455,863 eggs. Of these, approximately 26,470,035 eggs were shipped to other stations during the season; while 4,498,402 eyed eggs were planted in the waters of Yellowstone Park, and 75,110 eyed eggs were planted in streams within the Teton National Park during August.

COLORADO

Leadville. - All of the Loch Leven trout fingerlings being held at this station have been distributed, together with 78,510 brook trout, 197,787 rainbow trout, and 152,500 blackspotted trout.

IDAHO

Clark Fork. - During the month, 36,520 eastern brook, 8,160 rainbow, and 50,432 blackspotted trout, all fingerlings, were liberated. Included in these totals, were 15,100 eastern brook trout which were delivered to the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Hagerman. - The Idaho Fish and Game Department, the U. S. Forest Service, and the Elko, Nevada, County Fish and Game Department assisted in distribution of fish from this station.

Some loss among the eastern brook trout was experienced from popeye.

The mortality appeared to be highest in ponds that offered little or no shade.

Salmon. - With the cooperation of the Idaho Fish and Game Department and the U. S. Forest Service, 10,100 rainbow trout, 73,970 eastern brook trout, all fingerlings, and 65,460 blackspotted trout fry and fingerlings were liberated in the Salmon River and its tributaries.

HATU

Bear Lake. - The 25,600 blackspotted trout fingerlings, supplied by the Springville unit, were liberated in streams within the Cache National Forest.

Springville. - Rainbow, brook, blackspotted, and Loch Leven trout fingerlings, totaling 383,558, were distributed during the month.

WASHINGTON

Birdsview. - Approximately 311,000 rainbow, brook, and blackspotted trout fingerlings were distributed from this station.

Carson. - During this period, 136,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were planted in waters within the Columbia National Forest.

Leavenworth. - Hauling adult salmon from Rock Island Dam to the Icicle Creek holding ponds was continued. During this period, 19,887 salmon were handled.

Approximately 350,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were liberated from this unit by employees of the Washington State Department of Game.

Mount Ranier. - On August 1, 26,000 rainbow trout yearlings were delivered to the National Park Service for liberating in Mowich Lake.

Mortality among the blackspotted trout yearlings continues high; the cause has been diagnosed as anemia.

Thirty-five thousand eastern brook trout fingerlings were liberated in Reflection Lake, and 35,000 in Lake Louise. Both of these bodies of water are within the Mount Ranier National Park.